

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the modification comprises genetic modification of the microorganism.

24. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the host strain is a *Trichoderma* strain.

25. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the hydrofobins are HFB I or HFB II of *Trichoderma*.

26. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the microorganism strain is a bacterial strain.

28. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the product of interest is a protein or a metabolite or biomass.

29. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the product of interest is a recombinant product.

30. (Amended) The host strain of claim 20, characterized in that the host strain is genetically modified to be capable of producing a fusion molecule comprising a molecule of interest fused to a hydrophobin.

31. (Amended) A process for producing an enhanced amount of a product of interest, characterized in that the process comprises the steps of

- cultivating a production host strain of claim 20; and
- recovering the product from the cultivation.